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A
DECLARATION
OF THE
COMMONS

Assembled in
PARLIAMENT,
Against all such Persons as shall take
upon them to Preach or Expound the
Scriptures in any Church or Chappel, or any
other publique place, except they be Ordain-
ed either here or in some other Re-
formed CHURCH.

Die Jovis, 31. Decemb. 1646.

Ordred by the Commons assembled in Parliament,
That this Declaration be forthwith Printed and
Published: And that the Knights and Burgeses of the
several Counties and Places, do send some of the said De-
clarations so Printed, into the several Counties and Pla-
ces for which they serve, to be there Published.

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Die Jovis, 31 Decemb. 1646.

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Declaration of the Commons assembled in Parliament, Against all such persons as take upon them to Preach or expound the Scriptures, except they be Ordained.

 He Commons assembled in Parliament do Declare, That they do dislike, and vvill proceed against all such persons as shall take upon them to Preach, or Expound the Scriptures in any Church or Chappel, or any other publique place (except they be Ordained either here or in some other Reformed Church,

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as it is already prohibited in an Order of both Houses of 26 April, 1645.) And likewise against all such Ministers or others, as shall publish or maintain by Preaching, Writing, Printing, or any other way, any thing against or in derogation of the Church-Government which is now established by the authority of both Houses of Parliament. And also against all and every person or persons, who shall willingly and purposely interrupt or disturb a Preacher who is in the publique Exercise of his Function: And all Iustices of Peace, Sheriffs, Mayors, Bailiffs, and other Head-Officers of Corporations; And all Officers of the Army are to take notice of this Declaration, and by
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all lawful wayes and means to prevent offences of this kinde, and to apprehend the offenders, and give notice hereof unto this House, that thereupon course may bee speedily taken for a due punishment to bee inflicted on them.

FINIS.



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